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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

U.S. Patent No. 3,946,731.

U.S. Patent No. 4,578,056.

U.S. Patent No. 4,596,547.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,030,200.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,146,354.

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German Auslegeschrift No. DE 1 068 428.

German No. 24 56 932.

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The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of parent Application No. 09/662,706, which serves as the basis for a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 1.20 in this application. Thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not required.

A copy of an International Search Report issued in connection with a corresponding international application is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.